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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/540,235
Filed: April 3, 2000
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants
Inventors: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15749)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
3. Check No. 200620 in the amount of \$390.00 to cover the fee for a 2-month extension of time; and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time (other than those provided herewith) are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)